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SUBJECT: WALL STREET JOURNAL STORY ON ALLEGED LOCKHEED PAYOFFS

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1. WALL STREET JOURNAL'S STORY ALLEGING PAYMENTS TO PRINCE BERNHARD HAS LED ONE PARLIAMENTARIAN TO SEEK AN INVESTIGATION. THE FOLLOWING WRITTEN QUESTIONS WERE SUBMITTED DECEMBER 15 TO PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL AND JUSTICE MINISTER VAN AGT.

--ARE YOU AWARE OF THE ARTICLE IN THE WALL STREET JOURNAL OF DEC 4, WHICH REVEALS THE METHODS OF LOCKHEED IN THE SALE OF STARFIGHTERS TO WEST EUROPEAN ARMED FORCES, PARTICULARLY THE USE OF BRIBES, AND ALSO MENTIONS THE NAMES OF DUTCH CITIZENS?

--ARE YOU PREPARED TO CONTACT THE U.S. SENATE SUB-COMMITTEE ON MULTINATIONALS, TO BE ALLOWED TO INSPECT ALL DATA COMPILED BY THE COMMITTEE INCLUDING THAT WHICH HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE SESSION ON THIS AFFAIR AND ESPECIALLY THAT WHICH RELATES TO THE DUTCHMEN?

--IS IT TRUE THAT MEMBERS OF THIS SENATE COMMITTEE HAVE COME
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TO EUROPE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MATTER? DID THEY

ALSO CONTACT THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT OR REPRESENTATIVES THEREOF?
MAY IT BE ASSUMED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL RENDER ASSISTANCE
TO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE?

--ARE YOU PREPARED TO SET UP AN INQUIRY INTO THE ROLE OF
DUTCHMEN, ARMY OFFICIALS, ETC., IN THIS MATTER AND TO INFORM
THE CHAMBER IN DUE COURSE?

2. QUESTIONER, VAN DER LEK, IS MEMBER OF RADICAL-LEFTIST
PACIFIST SOCIALIST PARTY, WHICH WITH ONLY TWO MEMBERS IS ONE OF
THE SMALLEST IN THE SECOND CHAMBER.

3. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW GOVERNMENT WILL REACT TO QUESTIONS. ONE
POINT THAT MAY CAUSE US PROBLEMS IS REVELATION THAT SENATE
STAFF MEMBERS WERE INVESTIGATING ON DUTCHSOIL. IN THIS
CONNECTION, WE NOTE FROM WASHINGTON-DATELINED ARTICLE IN
VOLKSKRANT DECEMBER 16 NEWS THAT INVESTIGATORS WILL BE
RETURNING HERE IN JANUARY. IS THIS CORRECT?
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